

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments to the Claims.

1. (Currently amended): A hinge attachment device for securement to a door frame or door, said device including:

a plate member having a central portion with generally opposite ends and an end portion connected to and extending from each of the central planar portion opposite ends, said central and end portions each having a generally planar front surface, wherein the central portion front surface being offset from the front surface of the end portions forming a hinge plate receiving recess, each said end portion being connected to the central portion at a respective said central portion end by a respective bight portion;

a plurality of projections secured to the central portion and extending from a back surface of the central portion, said back surface facing generally opposite to the central portion front surface;

bores extending through the projections and the central portion for receipt of screw fasteners therein for mounting a hinge plate to the plate member; and

including a cover removably mounted to each of the projections to cover a respective bore end.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended): The hinge attachment device as set forth in Claim [[2]] 1, including a plurality of protuberances projecting from the front surface of each end portion and each protuberance having a corresponding indentation recessed in a back surface of each of the end portions, said back surfaces of the end portions facing generally opposite to the respective end portion front surface.

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4. (Original): The hinge attachment device as set forth in Claim 3, including at least one witness mark of the front surface of the central portion.

5. (Currently Amended): The hinge attachment device as set forth in Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the bores are threaded.

6. (Original): The hinge attachment device as set forth in Claim 3, wherein the bores are threaded.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended): The hinge attachment device of Claim [[2]] 1, in combination with a door frame, wherein a first hinge ~~hinge~~ attachment device being secured to the door frame with said recess being exposed.

13. (Currently Amended): The hinge attachment device of Claim [[2]] 1, in combination with a door, wherein a first hinge ~~hinge~~ attachment device being secured to the door with the respective said recess being exposed.

14. (Currently Amended): The hinge attachment device of Claim 12, in combination with a second hinge attachment device in combination with a door, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the second hinge attachment device being secured to the door with the respective said recess being exposed.

15. (Currently Amended): A method of mounting a door to a door frame, said method including:

attaching a first hinge attachment device to a door frame, said first attachment device having a central portion and opposite end portions, said central portion having generally opposite first and second surfaces with the first surface being exposed and the second surface having a plurality of first projections extending therefrom, said first projections each having bores extending toward the first surface;

attaching a second hinge attachment device to a door, said second attachment device having a central portion and opposite end portions, said central portion having generally opposite third and fourth surfaces with the third surface being exposed and the fourth surface having a plurality of second projections extending therefrom, said second projections each having bores extending toward the third surface;

attaching a cover removably mounted to each of the projections to cover a respective bore end; and

attaching a hinge plate to each of the first and second attachment devices with screw fasteners each extending into a respective said bore.

16. (Original): The method of mounting a door to a door frame as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the central portion of the first and second attachment devices are offset from the respective end portions forming a respective hinge plate receiving recess in each of the first and second attachment devices.

17. (Original): The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein the first and second attachment devices being secured to the door frame and the door, respectively, by welding.

18. (New): The method as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the bores of the first projections and the bores of the second projections are located and threaded prior to the step of attaching the first hinge attachment device to the door frame and attaching the second hinge attachment device to the door.

19. (New): A security door hinge assembly consisting of:

A first hinge attachment device, a second hinge attachment device, a hinge, a door, and a door frame;

wherein each of the first and second hinge attachment devices include a plate member having a central portion with generally opposite ends and an end portion connected to and extending from each of the central planar portion opposite ends, said central and end portions each having a generally planar front surface;

a plurality of projections secured to each central portion and extending from a back surface of each central portion, said back surface facing generally opposite to the central portion front surface;

including a cover removably mounted to each of the projections to cover a respective bore end; and

bores extending through the projections and the central portion for receipt of screw fasteners therein for mounting a hinge plate to the plate member.

20. (New): The security door hinge assembly of claim 19, wherein the first hinge attachment device being secured to the door such that the central portion of the generally planar front surface of the first hinge attachment device being exposed; and

the second hinge attachment device being secured to the door frame such that the central portion of the generally planar front surface of the second hinge attachment device being exposed.

21. (New): The security door hinge assembly of claim 19, wherein the first hinge attachment device includes an aperture therethrough to permit passage of a security stud;

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wherein the hinge includes an aperture therethrough in substantial alignment with the aperture of the hinge attachment device; and

wherein the hinge includes a security stud mounted thereto such that the security stud passes through the aperture of the hinge and the aperture of the hinge attachment device when the door is in the closed position.